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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with Rules 1.97 and 1.98, and in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure under Rule 1.56, the following documents, copies of which are attached to this statement, are made of record on the enclosed sheet.

A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is that we are advised by our client that these references were discovered during any searches they or their client had made, or that they were considered in the preparation of the application. Further explanation of their relevance is given in the present application.

In addition, the following documents, copies of which are attached to this statement, are also made of record on the enclosed sheet.

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A concise explanation of the relevance of these latter items is that we are advised by our client that these references were cited by the European Patent Office in the corresponding international application No. PCT/FR00/01545, filed 6 June 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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